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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
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**SUPPLEMENTAL**  
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

1. Pursuant to his duty of disclosure, applicant presents for the Examiner's consideration the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.
2. ☐ Applicant(s) draw(s) the Examiner's attention to the enclosed copy of compending U.S. Pat. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, which is cited in this application.
3. This information disclosure statement is being submitted:
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  - b. ☐ After the period set forth in paragraph 1a, but before the mailing date of either a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. (Check box i. or ii.)
    - i. ☐ A \$180.00 information disclosure statement submission fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.
    - ii. ☐ A statement specified by 37 CFR 1.97(e) is set forth below.



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5. [ ] Applicants set forth below concise explanations of the relevance of each document not in the English language and/or selected documents in the English language.

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